



IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claim as follows:

92.(twice amended) A switch station; which exchanges a packet with a predetermined

 format, comprising:

a switch exchanging the packet;

 a control processor generating control information to control operations of this switch station;

an intra-station device, provided within this switch station, performing a communication operating according to the control information from said control processor; and

an interface unit converting a data format of the control information into a data format which said switch can exchange;

wherein the control information generated by said control processor is sent from said interface unit to said intra-station device through said switch after the data format of the control information is converted into the data format which said switch can exchange by said interface unit.

93. The switch station according to claim 92, wherein the control information is communicated according to link access protocol.